

**VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
NATIONAL CONGRESS 2018
CANBERRA ACT
FRIDAY, 11 MAY, 2018**

MINUTES

Welcome by the National President Ken Foster OAM at 0900 hours.

Ode for the Fallen by National Vice President Max Ball

IN ATTENDANCE

National President	Ken Foster OAM JP
National Vice President	Max Ball
National Vice President	Michael Benyk JP
National Secretary	Graham Anderson OAM JP
National Treasurer	Peter Fox
Queensland	Peter Hindle
New South Wales	Greg Cant and Sam Vecchio
Victoria	Bob Elworthy AM and Brendan Kincade
Tasmania	Terry Roe
South Australia	Bob Schahinger and Phil St John
Western Australia	Richard Williams

GUEST AND OBSERVERS

The Hon Darren Chester MP	Minister for Veterans' Affairs
The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP	Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Craig Orme DSC AM CSC (Rtd)	Deputy President, Repatriation Commission
MAJGEN Mark Kelly AO DSC (Rtd)	Commissioner, Repatriation Commission
Jane Anderson	Principal Member, Veterans' Review Board
Katrina Harry	National Registrar, Veterans' Review Board
Professor Nick Saunders AO	Repatriation Medical Authority
Paul Murdoch	Registrar, Repatriation Medical Authority
Dr Stephanie Hodson CSC	National Manager, VVCS
Richard Dick	National President, RSL

VISITORS

Tony Mullavey	VVAA St Marys
Sheldon Maher	VVAA Far North Coast
Cathy Maher	VVAA Far North Coast

WELCOME AND ADDRESS

Address by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs: The Hon Darren Chester MP
Address by the Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs: The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP
Address by Craig Orme DSC AM CSC (Rtd): Deputy President, Repatriation Commission
Address by Jane Anderson: Principal Member, Veterans' Review Board
Address by Professor Nick Saunders AO: Repatriation Medical Authority
Address by Dr Stephanie Hodson CSC: National Manager, VVCS
Address by Richard Dick: National President RSL

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MINUTES OF NATIONAL CONGRESS May 2017

Motion to accept the minutes: Moved Queensland, Seconded New South Wales that the minutes of the National Congress May 2017 be accepted. **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

Motion to adopt the minutes: Moved New South Wales, Seconded Queensland that the minutes of the National Congress May 2017 be adopted. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

REPORTS

President

Vice Presidents

Treasurer: Financial Statement and Audit Reports ending 31 December 2017

Secretary

State Reports

Moved by New South Wales, Seconded Victoria that the reports be accepted as read and tabled. **Carried**

ELECTION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Nominees: Motion: Moved Queensland seconded Victoria that all nominees be elected. **Carried**

National President	Kenneth Foster OAM JP	Elected
National Vice President:	(Two Positions)	
	Maxwell Ball	Elected
	Michael Benyk	Elected
National Secretary	Graham Anderson OAM JP	Elected
National Treasurer	Peter Fox	Elected

The elected National President took the Chair and thanked the delegates for their vote of confidence.

Appointments

Public Officer	Ken Foster
Editor National Magazine "Debrief"	Ken Foster
Manager National Website	Peter Fox
National Solicitor	As required
National Auditor	Anderson and Coy (WA)
Representative VITA	Graham Anderson
Director and Alternate Director AVCAT	Ken Foster
Welfare and Compensation Advocacy Authorizing Officers:	As per amendment.

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ADMINISTRATION

Confirm Bank Account Signatories:

Moved Victoria, Seconded Queensland that the following National Executive members be Bank Signatories for all accounts: **Carried**

National President	Kenneth Foster OAM JP
National Vice President:	(Two Positions) Maxwell Ball Michael Benyk
National Secretary	Graham Anderson OAM JP
National Treasurer	Peter Fox
Confirm Signatories for reports to: NSW Fair Trading	Ken Foster and Graham Anderson
Confirm Income Tax Exemption: Certificate completed	Peter Fox

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Victoria: To amend the Constitution on the lodgement of Reports and Papers to National Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

National Council October 2018: Thursday, 18 October 2018

National Congress 2019: Thursday, 16 May 2019

CLOSURE OF CONGRESS: 1415 hours

Ken Foster OAM JP
National President

Graham Anderson OAM JP
National Secretary